

other nations in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States established by Proclamation 5030 of March 10, 1983; or

- (c) impairs the determination, in accordance with international law, of any maritime boundary of the United States with a foreign jurisdiction.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fourth.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on September 8.

Remarks at a Reception Honoring the First Lady in Syracuse, New York September 2, 1999

The President. Well, all I can say is this has been a very interesting night. Duke and Terry threw a party in an Irish bar and the first thing I see when I walk in, besides all of your smiling faces, is a buffalo head. [Laughter] Now, I don't know what that means—[laughter]—

Audience members. It doesn't mean anything. [Laughter]

The President. It could be a piece of New York's trivia. The buffalo in America was saved by Theodore Roosevelt. We had 20 million buffalo head in America in the mid-1800's. When he became President, it was down to 12 known head, and he brought them back. Or it could be just another metaphor for all the speeches about Syracuse that I've heard from Terry. [Laughter] Or it could be a symbol of the golf game we had a couple days ago.

You know, people are asking me how I'm reacting to this whole deal. I love it. And I'm trying to think—all the time people are coming up to me and saying, what are you going to do when you leave office? And you know, I have a lot of interests. And so one of you who knows that I love music, I'm walk-

ing through the crowd tonight and a gentleman gives me this video tape which says, "How to Find Gigs That Pay Big Bucks." [Laughter]

I am indebted to the people of New York for many things, including voting for me and Al Gore twice and giving us a chance to serve. I thank you. I love Syracuse. When I came here running for President—I have had a wonderful time in this area. It is spectacularly beautiful and is full of the rich history of America. And I hope that our presence here has helped to lift the visibility of this area in a positive way in the eyes of all America. And I hope it does.

I want to say, if I might, just two things. One is, I'm going to spend every day I've got left in the last year and 5 months or so of my Presidency to try to prepare this country for the new century. We have the chance of a lifetime, which we dare not pass up, with this prosperity we have to prepare for the aging of America. For those of you who are baby boomers, like me, I can tell you our generation does not want to retire and impose an inordinate burden on our children and undermine their ability to raise our grandchildren. We can save Social Security and Medicare if we do it now and don't squander the surplus. And that's what I am determined to do.

And I'll just mention two more things. We can, if we will use what we know, give every child in this country a world-class education, and they all need it. And the third thing we can do is bring opportunity to the places in America that have still not had job growth and get this country out of debt for the first time since 1835. That's what I'm going to work on.

The second thing I want to say is America is always about change. It is constantly in the process of reinventing itself. So if someone said, "Vote for me because I'll do everything Bill Clinton said and did," I would vote against that person, because we're always in the process of change. But we have to build on what works. And what we have to do, even when we're having a good time, is remember what the purpose of this country is. The purpose of this country is every day to make

progress in expanding opportunity, deepening freedom, and strengthening our communities.

Now, I have known Hillary a long time. As a matter of fact, to be precise, 28½ years—that's how long we've known each other. I have known thousands of people in public service. And you shouldn't be basically confused by the kind of venom that too often comes out of Washington. The truth is, most of the people that I've known in public life, at all levels, in both parties, were good, honest, hard working people that did what they thought was right. And that's the truth—most of the people I've known.

But of all the people I have known in public life—in way over 25 years of working steadily at it now—nobody has the combination of intelligence, experience, heart, grit, and pure devotion to the public interest that my wife does. You could do a good thing for New York by helping her.

Thank you, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:15 p.m. at Mulrooney's Pub. In his remarks, he referred to reception hosts John (Duke) Kinney and Terence McAuliffe. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 28

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled from Martha's Vineyard, MA, to East Hampton, NY.

August 29

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Bridgehampton, NY.

August 30

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Syracuse, NY, and in the afternoon, they traveled to Skaneateles, NY.

August 31

In the evening, the President visited Democratic Party fundraiser Terence McAuliffe's mother, Millie, at the St. Camillus Nursing Home.

The President had separate telephone conversations with Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, concerning her upcoming trip to the Middle East, and with Prime Minister Antonio Guterres of Portugal, concerning the elections in East Timor.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Norfolk, VA, on September 6.

September 1

The President announced his intention to appoint Stanislaus A. Blejwas, Susan Estrich, Benjamin Meed, and Menachem Z. Rosensaft as members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint John H. Dalton, Peter J. Kadzik, and Martha Polan Landsman as members of the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe fires on August 24 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Dennis beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Pennsylvania and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on August 20–21.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by extreme fire hazards on August 1 and continuing.